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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 7/10/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claims 13 and 17 are deemed not readable on the elected species for the following reasons. In Figs. 1-3 (elected Species I) the magnet (20) is not attached to the second layer (32b), and the actuator (40) is inside the second layer rather than between the magnet and the actuator. Also, Claim 15 should be indicated as "withdrawn" on the listing of claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramon M Barrera whose telephone number is (703)308-0636. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 3 to 6PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1782.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ramon M Barrera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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